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## SKILLS PAGE

**9.3 Active and Passive Voice**

MY SENTENCE: The device first sensed is an allusion to the story of Sennacherib and his attack on the city of Jerusalem.

EXPLANATION: The passive voice should be used sparingly, however the passive voice is useful in situation where the performer of the action is unknown, the performer is wished to be unknown by the author, or the receiver needs to be emphasized rather than the performer. This information can be found on pages 213 and 214 in the *Holt Handbook*.

REVISED EXAMPLE: The first device is an allusion to the story of Sennacherib and his attack on the city of Jerusalem.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: However, some find music, art, and poetry are better mediums for one to question God’s actions.